

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A bag slitting apparatus for opening a sealed bag, comprising:  
first and second arms forming a single piece of material that are connected only through a pivoting bridge at one end, and wherein the arms have having exterior surfaces extending concavely from a common the bridge;  
the first arm carrying a cutting surface on an interior surface facing the second arm;  
the second arm carrying a receiving surface that cooperates with the cutting surface to make a cut through a portion of the bag when the first and second arms are opposed about the bag, and  
wherein the first and second arms are each significantly wider than the bridge.
- 2-3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arms and the bridge are fabricated as a single piece of plastic
5. (Previously presented) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the cutting surface is an edge of a metal blade.
6. (Previously presented) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the receiving surface is curved.
7. (New) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the entirety of the first and second arms extend concavely from the bridge.